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In re Application of: McKim *et al.*

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 30, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the **non-final** Office action dated April 30, 2004. A response is due on September 30, 2004, by virtue of the attached fee and petition for a two-month extension of time to respond. No other fees are believed to be due, however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the present paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-2855. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

**Amendments to the Specification.** There are **no** amendments to the specification.

**Amendments to the claims.** There are **no** amendments to the claims. However, for the Examiner's convenience a complete listing of claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, is provided beginning at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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